Phase III of Operation Flood

*98. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to continue the Phase III of Operation Flood till 1994 which was started tentatively last year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the new terms of the agreement governing aid to Operation Flood Phase III with EEC and how does it serve the country's interest?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Operation Flood III which commenced from April, 1985 is proposed to be continued till 1994.

(b) According to this agreement EEC will provide 75,000 MT of SMP and 25,000 MT of Butter Oil in form of gift, provided the Food Aid Budget is available and it is in accordance with the provisions of annual allocations and deliveries. It will help in the implementation of the IIIrd phase of the Operation Flood in the country.

Development of Tourism in Assam

*99. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount allocated for the development of tourism in the country during the financial year 1988-89;

(b) what is the total amount earmarked for the development of tourism in Assam; and

(c) what are the details of the projects to be undertaken for the development of tourism in Assam during 1988-89 and the amount likely to be spent on each project?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The Planning Commission has made an allocation of Rs. 47.60 crores for the Ministry of Tourism for 1988-89.

(b) and (c) The Ministry does not make allocation state-wise but scheme-wise and financial assistance is provided to only those projects which fall within the purview of the approved plan schemes of the Ministry. The Ministry has received the following proposals from the Government of Assam for consideration in 1988-89:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Estimated Cost
1.	Development of Majuli Island	9.00
2.	Development of Samaguri Lake	40.40
3.	Yatri Niwas at Sibsagar	20.76
4.	Wayside amenities at Nalbari, Rawta and Phulani	13.19
5.	Tourist Complex at Bhairabkunda	64.64
6.	Construction of standing/sitting gallery at Silbhata Falls in Karbi Anglong District	21.17
7.	Ropeway between Guwahati and Umananda	200.00
8.	Yatri Niwas at Guwahati	41.00

These proposals will be taken up for financial assistance subject to merits of the proposals, availability of funds and inter-se priorities.